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IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO URINE COLLECTION DEVICES AND
URINE COLLECTIONSYSTEMS

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

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Sir:

In response to the accompanying Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 mailed July 25, 2005, we enclose herewith the executed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497.

The required 37 CFR 1.492(e) surcharge was paid at the time of filing the application.

The Notification of Missing Requirements also indicates that the preliminary amendment filed on February 28, 2005 has somehow not been entered "because the amendment does not reflect the new claims that were submitted with the article 34." The Notification also requests \$180 for the alleged presence of multiple dependent claims.

It is however pointed out that Section 1893.01 (a) (3) of the MPEP states that if the annexes are in English, they will normally be entered into the U.S. national stage application by the Office absent a clear instruction by the applicant to the contrary.

In the instant case the international application was originally filed with claims 1-18, which were replaced with amended claims 1-17 during chapter II of the international stage. Upon entry into the national stage, applicant filed a preliminary amendment, which unambiguously and clearly states: "This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in this application." The preliminary amendment then proceeded to cancel all previous claims 1-18 and add new claims 19-35, in accordance with the MPEP. Thus it is clear that applicant intends to have new claims 19-35 examined.

Since claims 19-35 are not multiply dependent, no additional fee is due. Section 1893.01 (c) of the MPEP clearly states that: "A preliminary amendment accompanying the initial national stage submission under 35 U.S.C. 371 that cancels claims and/or eliminates multiple dependent claims will be effective to reduce the number of claims to be considered in calculating extra claim fees required under 37 CFR 1.492(b) - (c) and/or eliminate the multiple dependent claim fee require under 37 CFR 1.492(d)".

Respectfully submitted,

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- Preliminary Amendments have not been entered because the amendment doesn't reflect the new claims that were submitted with the article 34.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$ 180
 - \$180 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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